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I understand, under the Tunney Act, there is a period of time within which the public is allowed to comment to the District Court regarding the proposed settlement of the antitrust case against Microsoft Corporation. I wish to express my strong support for the proposed settlement. In my opinion, this case was ill-advised from the start, and was an obvious attempt by Microsoft's competitors to strengthen their position at the expense of the world's most innovative company.

Microsoft is clearly committed to a nonproprietary Internet, as opposed to the nation's cable companies, which can design their broadband networks to control what kind of content and applications may be carried. There is little reason to vilify a company with a strong and powerful interest in a strategy that may well reinforce competition on the Internet, especially when few of Microsoft's competitors have adopted such a similarly pro-Internet strategy. Thus, rather than adopting a remedy that is focused exclusively on the 'last war,' a proper remedy to the current antitrust case should be sufficient to steer Microsoft towards its benign strategy, while assuring an adequate response if it fails to follow this pro-competitive lead.

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